SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: On a point of order, Sir. It is regarding II(i) of Item (1) of Papers Laid on the Table. It says 'G.S.R. No. 725 (E), dated the 29th April, 1986, making certain amendments to notification No. 175/86-CE, dated 1st March, 1986. Nothing has been mentioned about the subject. Mr. Hidayatullah had given a ruling that the subject should be mentioned. For this, not only have I to go to the notification of 29th April, 1986, but also to the notification of 1st March. What is that notification? There should have been some mention of the subject.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: My point of order is that the papers have already been laid on the Table of the House. He cannot raise this question now.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall look into it.

THE MINES AND MINERALS (REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE INDIAN ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Sir, on behalf of Mr. Vasant Sathe, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Electricity Act, 1910.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED STRIKE OF THE DEFENCE WORKERS ON 21ST AND 22ND MAY, 1986

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, we shall take up Special Mentions, As there are a large number of Special Mentions that we have allowed today, I request the hon. Members to confine themselves to the three-minute rule which we have adopted.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): It is not our fault, Sir, you have not allowed any Special Mention during the last two days.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have quoted the rule. Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir. I am glad that you have allowed me to made a Special Mention on a very important subject which requires immediate attention to be paid by the Government. Sir, one lakh civilian defence employees have proposed to go on strike on 21st of May and then again on 22nd of May at the call of All-India Defence Employees Federation and also the Indian National Defence Workers Federation to protest against the Government's move to privatise the production of certain Defence requirements of our country. Sir, a very serious situation has arisen as a consequence of Government's decision to offload the work of the Ordnance factories in favour of certain private sector firms. And according to my information, as per this decision, the worst affected Ordnance factories will be the Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur, the Clothing Factory, Avadi, the Ordnance Equipment Factory and Parachute Factory, Kanpur. It will also affect the expansion of the Ordnance Equipment Factories, the newly formed factory at Hazaratpur, near Agra.

Sir, the Government had a bitter experience in the past when they used to give or place orders with the private sector for supply of certain Defence requirements. In 1962 and